



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

24th April 2026

A message from the Headteacher

The recent spell of sunny weather has brought a real sense of energy and joy across the school, with magical moments of learning unfolding both inside and outside the classroom. As we move into the warmer months, a gentle reminder that children should bring a sun hat and a water bottle to school each day. Sun cream is also permitted, provided children are able to apply it themselves, and it is clearly named and handed to a member of staff in their class.

KS1 Inspire Festival

Last week, Miss Breckenridge accompanied a group of Year 1 and Year 2 children to take part in the KS1 Inspire Festival, organised by the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. The children enjoyed a round robin of activities focusing on throwing, balancing, movement and kicking. They showed fantastic resilience and enthusiasm in every activity—well done to all involved, we are so proud of you!



Visit to Knebworth Care Home

On Monday, Mrs Clayton and the OPAL Ambassadors visited Knebworth Care Home to take part in National Tea Week, where they spent a lovely time painting a tea cup alongside the residents. The children thoroughly enjoyed both the painting and the opportunity to chat and connect with everyone—they had the most wonderful experience!

Wildlife Haven

We are incredibly fortunate to have a Wildlife Haven within our school grounds, and this magical green space is enjoyed throughout the school day by Knebbers Crew, at lunchtimes as part of our nurture provision, and during lessons to support outdoor learning opportunities. As this much-loved area requires ongoing care and maintenance, we are looking for any green-fingered volunteers who may be able to spare some time to help support both children and staff in looking after it. If you feel you could offer any support, please do email the school office. Thank you.



Earth Day

On Wednesday, we celebrated Earth Day. Each year group took part in a range of activities and tasks focused on energy and ways to care for our planet. Nursery completed some yoga and created a beautiful Earth handprint. Reception designed their own Earth using chalk and natural materials. Year 1 read books about our planet, created their own imaginative planets, and discussed how to look after them. Year 2 explored the impact of non-renewable energy and made posters on reducing electricity and energy use. Year 3 investigated their carbon footprint and considered ways to reduce it. Year 4 took part in an energy source scavenger hunt. Year 5 learned about wind and solar power, producing some fantastic informative posters. Finally, Year 6 discussed the advantages and disadvantages of geothermal and hydroelectric energy, considering why these sources are less widely known than other forms of renewable energy. What a fantastic day! Thank you to Miss Dimmock and Mrs Orton for facilitating such a wonderful range of learning opportunities for the children.





OPAL Star of the Week



This week's OPAL Star of the Week is Gabryella in Bronte Class. The Play Ambassadors have chosen her because she always tidies up, uses her manners, is respectful and uses the bikes and scooters as per her rules. Well done Gabryella – we are all so proud of you!

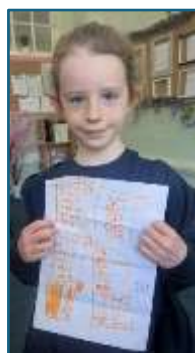
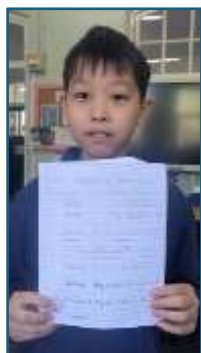


Magical Learning

This week for Magical Learning I have seen many children in Year 3 who have been working hard on planning and writing Haiku and Tanka poems. Albie in Thunberg Class shared with me his wonderful plan which he created and George, Archie, Luca and Pascal in Thunberg Class and Nellie in Nadal Class shared with me the superb poems they had written which included beautiful vocabulary choices. I was so impressed with Luca's poem that his has been proudly displayed in one of my magical work frames!



I have seen Tuan in Nightingale Class for his excellent work in applying words he has learnt correctly to sentences – well done Tuan! I have seen Arla and Hannah in Henson Class for their wonderful maths learning they had completed at home, inspired to continue consolidating and applying their skills independently. It was a real pleasure to see their enthusiasm and to share in their fantastic work. I have seen Zachary in Coelho Class for his magical Jack and the Beanstalk story where he had worked brilliantly to include a range of vocabulary to engage the reader – this was a joy to read. Emily in Nightingale Class came to see me for her wonderful poster all about the benefits of wind energy which included many key topic words and facts. Bella H, Poppy and Brooke in Nightingale Class came to share their writing where they had worked brilliantly to use formal language effectively in their formal writing.



In Johnson Class, the children have been working on character descriptions and using a wide range of adjectives effectively to bring their writing to life. Well done to Reggie, Theo, Noah, Georgia, Isaac, Harry, Alban, Ali, Ryan, Wrecker, Chiedza and Harvey, who were chosen to share their magical work—I was so impressed with their descriptive writing. Chloe in Seacole Class has been awarded the title of KS2 Pencrafter this week for her excellently written Greek myth which used many of the features of the genre. Varvara and Bella in Nightingale Class shared their excellent book reviews using hyperbole and exaggerated language and these were highly entertaining to read. Well done to Alma in Zephaniah Class whose most magical Jack and the Beanstalk story which included wonderful adjectives earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week. Myla, Takara and Gaia in Packham Class came to see me to share the fantastic writing they have produced this week – I was so impressed. Lastly, Miss Needham was so impressed with the whole of Nadal Class that I popped in to see all of them and their posters about how to keep safe in the sun – well done.



Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone – let's hope the sunshine continues!

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Turing Class*

Y1 Coelho 99.3%	Y1 Zephaniah 98.5%	Y2 Chandi 93.0%	Y2 Henson 99.0%	Y3 Nadal 92.0%	Y3 Thunberg 98.3%
Y4 Johnson 95.2%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 98.1%	Y5 Seacole 97.5%	Y6 Bronte 93.8%	Y6 Byron 92.7%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Ellie & Yashane

Ayling-Ellis
Flora & Rome

Packham
Cassius

Coelho
Howell

Zephaniah
Chloe

Chandi
Penny

Henson
Jai

Nadal
Isabella

Thunberg
Albie

Johnson
Isaac

Turing
Jenson

Nightingale
Finley

Seacole
Ollie

Bronte
Albie

Byron
Molly & Holly

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 44



Bulwer 74



Eudo 41



Lytton 47

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Georgia Una Keir	Y1 Zephaniah Annie Sebastian	Y2 Chandi Grayson Caia	Y2 Henson Sebastian	Y3 Nadal Giovanni	Y3 Thunberg Bronte
Y4 Johnson Rory Eve	Y4 Turing Izzy Imogen	Y5 Nightingale Maya S Finley	Y5 Seacole Chloe Immy Penelope	Y6 Bronte Charlotte	Y6 Byron Meadow Sofia

This Week's Pencrafters

*Alma in Zephaniah Class
Chloe in Seacole Class*



Children's Achievements



Before Easter, Jess in Seacole Class took part in Stage Coach's production of Grease. Jess was fantastic as a pink lady and truly enjoyed being part of the play. She worked hard on her singing and dancing and this was reflected in her performance. Well done, Jess - we are so proud of you!



Key Dates for your Diary – Summer Term 2026

Details for upcoming events will be sent nearer the time where and when applicable
New/amended dates are highlighted in yellow

Date/Time	Event
4 th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
11 th to 14 th May	Year 6 SATS Tests <i>A set of statutory national curriculum tests in maths and English.</i>
15 th May After school on the playground	FOKS Year 5 Cake Sale
18 th to 20 th May	Year 6 PGL Trip
22 nd May	FOKS Crazy Hair Day <i>Children are invited to come to school with a crazy hairstyle in exchange for a £1 donation to FOKS. Please note that full school uniform should still be worn on this day and that a crazy hairstyle is optional.</i>
25 th to 29 th May	May Half Term – School Closed
1 st June	INSET Day – School Closed
1 st to 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's times tables knowledge.</i>
4 th June	Class Photos <i>Children to come to school in their school uniform for our annual Class Photos.</i>
8 th to 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's phonics knowledge.</i>
11 th June	Johnson Class at St Francis College for CSI Workshop
13 th June 10am to 1pm	Litter Pick with Knebworth Environmental Group & OPAL Working Party <i>A chance for our school community to come together to engage in some litter picking in the school grounds and the village to help keep Knebworth clean and tidy!</i> <i>A great opportunity for our school community to come together and support our OPAL provision as we prepare for our final audit!</i>
14 th June	FOKS Bubble Bounce
17 th June 3:20 to 6pm	Take One Picture Exhibition <i>A chance for parents and carers to come into school to see their child's wonderful work on display!</i>
18 th June 9:15 to 10am	CommUNITY Wellbeing Event <i>A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of Wellbeing at Knebworth.</i>
19 th June	FOKS Father's Day Donut Sale





After school on the playground	
20 th June	Knebworth Festival Fun Day
22 nd – 25 th June 1:30pm start	22 nd June - Years 5 & 6 Sports Day 23 rd June - Years 3 & 4 Sports Day 24 th June - Years 1 & 2 Sports Day 25 th June - Nursery & Reception Sports Day <i>*15-hour Nursery children are more than welcome to come back for the Sports Day or to stay all day. Please get in touch with the Nursery Team to arrange this.</i>
25 th June	Turing Class at St Francis College for CSI Workshop
26 th & 29 th June	Reserve Sports Days
3 rd July	FOKS Summer Enrichment Day for KS2
6 th July	Year 1 Trip to Celtic Harmony
9 th July	Secondary School Transition Day <i>An opportunity for Year 6 to spend a day at their new secondary school.</i>
9 th July	Class Swap <i>A chance for children to meet their new Teacher for September and to spend time in their new classroom!</i>
10 th July	End of Year Reports to Parents <i>Parents and Carers will receive their child's end of year report on this day.</i>
10 th July 2pm & 6pm at Knebworth Village Hall	Year 6 Show to Parents <i>A chance for Year 6 families to see the wonderful Year 6 show which is always a highlight of the school year! Families only need to attend one performance on the day.</i>
10 th July	FOKS Summer Enrichment Day for EYFS & KS1
10 th July	Year 5 Trip to Tolmers
16 th July Timings TBC	Music Afternoon/Evening <i>An opportunity for our choir and musicians to showcase their talents at this popular Music Afternoon/Evening.</i>
22 nd July	Summer Term Ends & FOKS Non-Uniform Day 12pm – Nursery - a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this. 1:10pm – Reception & KS1 1:20pm – KS2
1 st & 2 nd September	INSET Days (School Closed)
3 rd September	Autumn Term Begins

